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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A urine guiding article for use with a body fluid absorbent article having an absorbent inner surface, said urine guiding article having a longitudinal direction and a transverse direction, said urine guiding article further comprising:

a plurality of individual ribbon-like strips and a sheet-like connecting region;

said a plurality of individual ribbon-like strips having a thickness and extending along said longitudinal direction while being arranged in said transverse direction and having proximal end portions and free, unattached distal end portions; and

said a sheet-like connecting region that interconnects ~~adapted to interconnect~~ said proximal end portions of said plurality of ribbon-like ~~strips,~~ strips and attaches onto said absorbent inner surface of said body fluid absorbent article with said plurality of ribbon-like strips lying on said absorbent inner surface in said longitudinal direction,

whereby an amount of urine discharged on said plurality of ribbon-like strips is guided therealong from said proximal end portions toward said free, unattached distal end portions.

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Claim 2 (Currently amended): The article according to claim 1, wherein said ribbon-like strips ~~are adapted to spread an amount of urine in said longitudinal direction~~ while preventing the spread of urine rather than in said transverse direction.

Claim 3 (Original): The article according to claim 1, wherein each of said ribbon-like strips comprises a fibrous assembly in which component fibers are oriented in said longitudinal direction.

Claim 4 (Original): The article according to claim 1, wherein said ribbon-like strips comprise hydrophobic fibers.

Claim 5 (Currently amended): The article according to claim 1, wherein said ribbon-like strips comprise ~~comprise, in addition to said hydrophobic fibers and fibers,~~ hydrophilic fibers, ~~also~~.

Claim 6 (Original): The article according to claim 1, wherein said connecting region is coated on one surface thereof with an adhesive.

Claim 7 (Currently amended): The article according to claim 6, wherein said adhesive ~~is one for permanently attaches attaching~~ said article to ~~an~~ said absorbent inner surface of a said body fluid absorbent wearing article.

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Claim 8 (Currently amended): The article according to claim 6, wherein said ~~adhesive is one for detachably attaching~~ removably attaches said article to one of ~~an~~ said absorbent inner surface of a said body fluid absorbent wearing article and ~~the~~ a body of a wearer.

Claim 9 (Canceled):